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In the Claims:

- 1. (previously canceled)
- 2.(canceled)
- 3. (previously amended) A cutting disc core for a circular saw blade comprising:

a circular shaped body having a center hole of a certain size and a continuous peripheral edge, said peripheral edge adapted to having cutting segments mounted thereon;

a plurality of slits formed within said body located directly adjacent said center hole, said slits defining a generally circular configuration surrounding said center hole and located directly adjacent said center hole, said slits form a circular ring integrally connected to said body by a plurality of solid tabs, whereby said circular ring can be physically removed from said body by breaking of said tabs thereby increasing the certain size of said center hole to permit mounting of said body on a larger sized arbor of a sawing machine; and

each said tab having a radially outward portion that is smaller in width than a base of said tab located in alignment with said slits, whereby breaking of each said tab to occur at said radially outward portion since the radially outward portion is weaker than said base because the radially outward portion is shorter in width than said base.

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Claims 4-5 (previously canceled)
Claims 6 and 7 (canceled)